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SUBJ: FALLOUT FUNDS FOR TANANARIVE

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1. AT THIS POINT IN MALAGASY-US RELATIONS, I FEEL IT MOST IMPERATIVE THAT WE BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE WITH CU PROGRAM FUNDS FOR MADAGASCAR.

2. AS PER PRIORITIES LISTED TANANARIVE REFTTEL C., ANDRIAMBELO IS PROBABLY MOST INFLUENTIAL PRIVATE MALAGASY JOURNALIST. HIS TRIP HAS PERSONAL BLESSING MOF MIN INFO. HIS DEPARTURE HAS BEEN PLANNED LONG IN ADVANCE AND IT WOULD BE MOST EMBARRASSING TO DELAY HIS VISIT FOR QUESTION OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS. RAKO-TOVAO NOMINATION IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO PERSONAL REQUEST TO ME FROM MIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT. STUDENT GRANT NOMINEE RANDRIANAR-IVONY HAS BEEN VERY CAREFULLY SELECTED WITH PARTICIPATION HIGHEST LEVELS GOMR. DEPT FULLY AWARE OF FONMIN'S INTEREST IN U.S. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MALAGASY STUDENTS. BUSINESSMAN IV NOMINEE RABOANARIJAONA IS IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND CULTURAL FIGURE IN ADDITION TO BEING ONE OF MOST PROMINENT OF RISING MALAGASY BUSINESSMEN. HE HAS WORKED HARD TO REARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE TO PERMIT JUNE VISIT TO U.S.

3. I REALIZE CU SHORT OF FUNDS AND FACED WITH MANY CONFLICTING DEMANDS, BUT HOPE THAT DEPT WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO MEET OUR REQUESTS FOR FUNDING ABOVE FOUR GRANTS THIS FISCAL YEAR.

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